

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Per the Examiner's request, the Applicant has resubmitted the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed with the application on March 26, 2002. An initialed copy of the IDS is respectfully requested in the next Action.

Additionally, the Applicant notes that the claim to foreign priority has not been acknowledged by the Examiner. The Applicant respectfully requests acknowledgement of the foreign priority in the next Action.

I. Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-118 were pending in this application. Claims 1-21, 27-60, and 68-118 have been canceled by this reply. Additionally, claims 119-125 were previously canceled in a preliminary amendment filed with the application. Claims 126-149 have been added by this reply. Claims 23-26 and 62-65 have been amended in this reply to correct minor informalities, which do not relate issues of patentability. No new matter was added by way of these amendments. Claims 22, 61, 126, 128, 134, 139, and 146 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from these independent claims.

II. Claim Objection(s)

The claims 1, 8, 24, 27, 30, 37, 38, 63, 66, 69, 101, and 116 were objected to for minor informalities. Claims 1, 8, 27, 30, 37, 38, 63, 66, 69, 101, and 116 have been cancelled by this reply. Thus, the objections with respect to these claims are now moot.

As for claim 24, claim 24 was objected to for including the term “preferably” in the claim language. This claim was previously amended in the preliminary amendment filed with the application on March 26, 2002. In the preliminary amendment, claim 24 was amended to remove the phrase “any of the claims 18 to 22” and the term “preferably.” Because the term “preferably” has been deleted from claim 24, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

III. Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 101

Claims 86, 97, 102-111, and 118 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention allegedly is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 86, 97, 102-111, and 118 have been canceled by this reply. Thus, this rejection is now moot.

IV. Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claims 76, 86, 97, 117, and 118 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5, 831,615 (hereinafter “Drews”). Claims 76, 86, 97, 117, and 118 have been cancelled in this reply. Thus, this rejection is now moot.

V. Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 103

Claims 1-16, 38, 40-44, 46-55, 57-60, 62-70, 78, 79, 81-85, 87-96, 98-101 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Drews in view of U.S. Patent

No. 6,400,379 ("Johnson"). Claims 1-21, 27-60, and 68-118 have been cancelled by this reply. Thus, this rejection is now moot with respect to claims 1-16, 38, 40-44, 46-55, 57-60, 62-70, 78, 79, 81-85, 87-96, and 98-101.

Additionally, claims 17-37, 39, 45, 56, 61, 71-75, 77, 80, and 102-116 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Drews. Claims 1-21, 27-60, and 68-118 have been cancelled by this reply. Thus, this rejection is now moot with respect to claims 17-21, 39, 45, 56, 71-75, 80, and 102-116. With respect to the remaining claims 22-26 and 61-67, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Present Invention

With respect to claim 22, the claimed invention relates to a method of drawing in a window. The method includes providing a first mode in which a signal is sent following each drawing operation. The signal instructs a client of a window, which may be affected by the drawing, to redraw at least part of that window. The method of claim 22 further includes providing a second mode in which the sending of the signal is suppressed.

With respect to claim 61, the claimed invention relates to a receiver/decoder. The receiver/decoder includes means for drawing in a window in a first mode and a second mode. In the first mode, a signal is sent following each drawing operation. The signal instructs a client of a window, which may be affected by the drawing, to redraw at least part of that window. In the second mode, the sending of a signal is suppressed.

Drews

Drews fails to teach or suggest the claimed invention as recited in independent claims 22 and 61. Drews teaches a method for re-drawing a transparent window, which is located at least partly on top of a second window. In Drews, it is determined whether the second window is active. If the second window is active, then the transparent window is hidden and the second window is redrawn and the transparent window is shown. If the second window is inactive, then the transparent window is maintained.

Drews is completely silent to the use of “clients,” as recited in claims 22 and 61. In one or more embodiments of the claimed invention, a client of a window is responsible for the content of that window, and thus the client is able to redraw an overwritten window. Further, in the claimed invention, it is the client that redraws that part of the window which coincides with the affected area. Drews fails to teach or suggest sending a signal to a client or suppressing a signal, because Drews is completely absent any teaching of clients to which signals can be sent.

Because Drews fails to teach or suggest the claimed invention as recited in claims 22 and 61, claims 22 and 61 are patentable over Drews. Dependent claims 23-26 and 62-67 are likewise patentable for at least the same reasons.

Additionally, the newly added claims, claims 126-149, include the limitation of sending signals to a client of a window. As previously mentioned, Drews is completely silent to this feature. Thus, claims 126-149 are likewise patentable over Drews for at least the same reasons.

Furthermore, Johnson fails to provide that which Drews lacks. Particularly, Johnson is completely silent to sending signals to a client of a window. Thus, claims

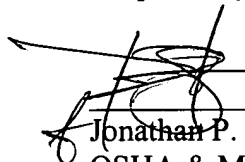
126-149 are likewise patentable over Drews and Johnson, whether considered separately or in combination, for at least the same reasons.

VI. Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 11345/047001).

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